

## **Social Work**

Social work services are provided to patients and their families to ensure that a patient's illness, recovery and seamless transition from one care setting to another are considered within the context of the patient's bio-psychosocial needs and environment. Social Workers focus on psychosocial factors, including, but not limited to, family relationships, living arrangements, development and economic, cultural, spiritual, educational and vocational backgrounds as they impinge on the understanding, treatment and relapse prevention of the psychiatric disorder.

Social work services are provided through application of case management and clinical social work practices within the interdisciplinary treatment model. Case management assures that the patient's bio-psychosocial needs are met through assessment, direct services, referrals to resources and advocacy. Clinical social work assures that barriers to enhanced psychosocial functioning are resolved through clinical assessment, interventions, and treatment. Together, case management and clinical social work are complementary social work practices that focus on the needs of the whole person in a social system as well as on the individual needs of the patient. In addition, social workers contribute to program development and implementation, treatment planning, family education and community networking for all patients. Social workers also collaborate in the development and maintenance of the therapeutic milieu.